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Accomplishments, Awards, Accolades **updated March 17, 2015**

In 2008, the Burlington Police Department engaged in a City-wide reassessment of its Community Policing strategy. Through the last seven years, the men and women of BPD have accomplished much. The following are highlights of the many **accomplishments**:

- Completed a City wide re-assessment project to determine our Community Policing strategy
- Successfully investigated and obtained convictions in a number of high profile, often tragic, crimes
- Completed refits to police headquarters at 1 North Avenue
- Fully implemented processes to annually replace key equipment
- Implemented an online crime reporting portal to ease workloads on officers for minor or late reported incidents
- Began broadcasting regular community updates via NIXLE, e-mail messaging, and Twitter
- Designed and implemented a new computer aided dispatch and records management system to improve efficiencies and workflows and dramatically reduce the paperwork burden for officers
- Reinvigorated our foot patrol strategies with over 2,500 foot patrols now occurring annually
- Established a door to door “knock and talk” strategy that now visits over 2,000 homes annually with crime prevention and outreach messaging
- Created our multi-agency Community Impacts Teams initiative and expanded compliance checks for offenders on supervised or conditional release
- Hosted community outreach events, barbecues, forums, and coffees to discuss crime, safety, and policing
- Deployed officers to key areas to focus on crime and disorder, including City Hall Park and our downtown
- Developed a Street Crimes Unit

- Began data-driven and evidence-based policing initiatives using data to better deploy resources
- Completed a comprehensive re-write and re-organization of all Department policies and posted new policies on the Department website
- Equipped all officers with load-bearing vests, Tasers, and body-worn cameras
- Partnered with multiple agencies, including our Federal law enforcement partners, to target the Statewide opiate epidemic
- Developed and implemented a Street Outreach Interventionist Program to deliver clinical interventions to many suffering from mental health issues, substance abuse problems, and other unmet needs and to reduce reliance on officers engaging in complex interventions
- Stepped up efforts and training in violence against women and gender-based violence
- Continued to expand our diversity and cultural competency training efforts
- Expanded our Beach & Parks Program
- Continued our efforts to improve our work as it relates to diversity and cultural competency through ongoing training, dialogue, policy development, and data collection efforts
- Increased sworn officer staffing levels to ones not seen in more than 15 years
- Continued our partnerships and support of the Community Justice Center and the Parallel Justice Project
- Renewed efforts to investigate and eradicate graffiti from the City
- Partnered with the Safe Streets Collaborative to enhance traffic safety through enforcement and education
- Developed and implemented a Community Police Academy and Junior Community Academy
- Awarded a host of officers and staff for exceptional efforts in life saving, service, and exceptional policing each year

For its hard work and accomplishments, the Burlington Police Department earned a variety of **awards and accolades**, including the following highlights:

- 2012 Burlington Business Association Business of the Year Award
- 2012 International Association of Chiefs of Police excellence in Community Policing for the creation of the Street Outreach Interventionist Program
- 2011 International Association of Chiefs of Police Excellence in Victim Service Award for our ongoing partnership with the Community Justice Center and the Parallel Justice Project
- 2011 International Association of Chiefs of Police Civil Rights Award for our work with the Uncommon Alliance in creating a grassroots race data collection project
- 2011 International Association of Chiefs of Police Webber-Seavey Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement